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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/10/09 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 4-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoshino et al. (6,804,300) in view of Shu et al. (6,598,100).

Regarding claim 4, Hoshino discloses a television audiovisual apparatus showing a tuning unit (62) for receiving television signals and outputting analog demodulated television signals and inherently included audio signals, video inputs (11,12) for receiving conventional analog video signals and inherently included audio signals, a video processing unit (63) for converting analog television signals and analog video signals into digital video signals, a display unit (25), an audio processing unit (68) for amplifying the audio signals, and a CPU 22 for controlling the operations of the circuits

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mentioned above. However, Hoshino does not disclose the multimedia player as claimed. Shu discloses a multimedia player for playing multimedia files and outputting the video and audio signal in analog format. Since the video inputs 11 and 12 in Hoshino can be connected to any conventional video/audio source, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made to connect Shu to Hoshino so that the multimedia video and audio signals could be watched and listened by the user, respectively. In addition, Shu includes operation button set 13 for controlling the operations of the multimedia player. Similarly, Hoshino also includes a button set for controlling the operation of a recorded video/audio signal (note Figure 5). Since both Shu and Hoshino include the similar control button set, it is understood that one of the button set in Hoshino or Shu can be used to control the other. Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made to modify Hoshino so that the CPU 22 could be used to control operations as specified by the button set of Shu.

Regarding claim 5, the multimedia player in Shu includes a memory card (3), a multimedia processing unit (12), an audio outputting unit (18,19), a video outputting unit (17), and a control processing unit (CPU 12).

Regarding claim 6, Shu shows a flash storage (col. 2, lines 2-5), a buffer storage (15), and an electrically erasable memory (14).

Regarding claim 7, Hoshino shows an A/D conversion unit (63), a video signal decoding unit (114), and a signal processing unit (24).

Regarding claim 8, the bus 21 and bus 32 meet the serial bus as claimed.

Regarding claim 9, Hoshino does not disclose the infrared control unit as claimed. The examiner takes Official Notice that using infrared remote control to control an electronic device is well known in the art because it enables the user to control the device remotely and conveniently. Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made to modify Hoshino to include the well known infrared remote control so that the television apparatus could be remotely controlled.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 6/10/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In considering applicant's arguments that neither a digital video box nor a personal computer, no less the combination thereof using a PCMCIA socket and card, are or equate to an electronic image frame...that a personal computer is not a digital picture frame at all...the combined personal computer and digital video box of Hoshino are clearly not and cannot equate to a digital picture frame at all—no less the particularly recited frame of claim 4...it may be noted Shu similarly fails to teach or suggest an electronic image frame, the Examiner disagrees. As stated in the rejection, the combination of Hoshino and Shu meets the claimed invention because Shu provides a multimedia player, which playbacks JPEG files (col. 2, lines 20-25) or the electronic image frame as claimed and provides the JPEG image to a video monitor via an AV processor 12 (col. 2, lines 40-42), and Hoshino offers video input terminals (11, 12) to accept conventional video signals such as the one disclosed in Shu. Hoshino also

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teaches that the input video signals provided by the television tuner 62 and terminals 11 and 12 can be freely selected by the user through button 76 (col. 13, lines 29-42).

When the JPEG video output of Shu is connected to one of the inputs 11 and 12, the user can select the television signal from tuner 62 or the JPEG video by using the control button 76. This operation clearly meets the digital picture frame mode and the television mode as now claimed. As a result, the Office rejection is still stands.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Lee whose telephone number 571-272-7349. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh Tran, can be reached on 571-272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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